

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Panchayats – Appeal Petition filed by Smt. A. Pochamma, Sarpanch(U/s), Venkatampally Gram Panchayat, Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District, against Proceedings of the District Collector (PW), Karimnagar District - Appeal Petition Rejected - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 1787.

Date:26- 11-2010.

Read the following:-

1. From the Dist. Collector (PW),Karimnagar Dist., Procds. No. A6/2022/09-Pts, Dated 29-10-2009.
2. Appeal petition received from Smt. A. Pochamma, Sarpanch(U/s), Venkatampally Gram Panchayat, Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District. dt. 6-5-2010.
3. Govt Memo No. 11543/Pts.II/A1/2010-1,dt 22-05-2010.
4. From the DPO., Karimnagar, Lr.Rc.No.A6/2022/2009-Pts, dt.5.6.2010.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the District Collector (PW), Karimnagar District has suspended Smt. A. Pochamma from the post of Sarpanch of Venkatampally Gram Panchayat, Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District U/s 249(6) of Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 for misappropriation of Gram Panchayat Funds.

2. Aggrieved by the said orders, in the reference 2nd read above, Smt. A. Pochamma, Sarpanch (U/s), Venkatampally Gram Panchayat, Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District has filed an Appeal Petition before Government praying to stay the proceedings of the District Collector (PW), Karimnagar District.

3. In the reference 3rd read above the report of the District Collector (PW), Karimnagar district has called.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the District Panchayat Officer, Karimnagar has stated that the Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Venkatampally of Vemulawada Mandal was drawn an amounts pertains to the Water shed for Rs.1,54,000/- and Gram Panchayat funds of Rs.5,04,000/- total comes to Rs.6,58,500/- without executing any works. Based on the reports a show cause notice was issued to the Sarpanch under section 249(6) of APPR Act, 1994 calling her explanation beside prohibiting the Cheque drawing powers of the Sarpanch until further orders. The Sarpanch has submitted her explanation without any records / accounts in support of the amounts drawn by her which were held under objection.

5. Smt. Avunuri Pochamma, Sarpanch was placed under suspension from the post of Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Venkatampalli of Vemulawada Mandal U/s.249(6) of APPR Act, 1994 for a period of (3) months. Subsequently the suspension period was extended for further period of (3) months. In the meanwhile the petition has filed a WP before the Hon'ble H.C and the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. Hyderabad has passed the orders directing respondents to complete the enquiry in the matter within (4) weeks if no enquiry is completed and the MPDO Vemulawada has submitted detailed enquiry report duly conducting the field verification and he has stated that, the Sarpanch has not executed any works for the amounts drawn by her to a tune of Rs.6,58,500/- which were held under objection. In order to take further action, a show cause notice was served upon Smt. Avunuri Pochamma, Sarpanch (U/s) under section 249(1) of APPR Act, 1994. The Sarpanch (U/s) has not submitted the explanation and records. Final opportunity has also given to the Sarpanch for personal hearing on 24.4.2010 before the District Collector, Karimnagar. On the day of hearing the individual has failed to submit her explanation and

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records for the amounts drawn unauthorized. Therefore, Smt. Avunuri Pochamma, Sarpanch (u/s) has been removed from the post of Sarpanch, G.P. Venkatampalli of Vemulawada Mandal in terms of section 249(1) of APPR Act, 1994 and the Panchayat Secretaries who involved in misappropriation of funds in collusion with the Sarpanch have also placed under suspension beside issuing recover orders for an amount of Rs.6,58,000/- from the Sarpanch(Removed).

6. The case was heard on 29-10-2010. The Sarpanch and the District Panchayat Officer, Karimnagar District were attended the hearing. As seen from the records Smt. Avunuri Pochamma, Sarpanch was removed by the Collector through his proceedings dated 28.4.2010 on the ground that she has misappropriated funds of the Panchayat to a tune of Rs.6,58,500/- without executing any works in the Panchayat. During the hearing the District Panchayat Officer has informed that the Sarpanch did not execute any works for the amounts drawn by her and that she did not submit her explanation to the Show Cause Notice. The Sarpanch who was removed could not reply for the amounts drawn by her nor did she produce any records for her support during the hearing.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter and after going through the records it is find that the Revision Petition is devoid of any merits. Hence the Appeal Petition filed by Smt. A. Pochamma, Sarpanch (U/s), Venkatampally Gram Panchayat, Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District is hereby rejected.

9. The District Collector (PW), Karimnagar District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.V.P.C. SASTRY
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The District Collector (PW), Karimnagar District.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

The District Panchayat Officer, Karimnagar District.

Copy to:

Smt. A. Pochamma, Sarpanch (Removed), Venkatampally Gram Panchayat,
Vemulawada Mandal, Karimnagar District.

Addl. O.S.D. to M(PR)

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SECTION OFFICER